



Renton Airport Advisory Committee Meeting

Tuesday, April 22, 2014

- 5:30 PM Meeting called to order by Chair Chuck Kegley, and review of agenda items.
- 5:35 PM Chuck Kegley and Councilmember Marcie Palmer presented former Chair Ulf Goranson with a gift and thanked him for his years of service on the committee, and the last three years as committee chair.
- 5:45 PM Review of December 10, 2013 minutes, unanimously approved.
- Doug Jacobson and Chuck Kegley advised the Committee that nominations are being sought for a committee co-chair. The preference is for a neighborhood member. Current committee members may nominate themselves or others. Nominations will also be sought at the next committee meeting with a vote after that. One question from the members was about the term's duration. Doug commented that the terms are for three years. Chuck mentioned that the terms of the co-chairs should be staggered. Marleen Mandt nominated herself at the meeting.
- 5:50 PM Neighborhood Communications –
- Helicopter operations over the Kenndale area have increased since last December. Unable to identify type of helicopter(s) – possibly the King County Sheriff or units from JBLM.
 - **Task Item 1)** Compile and distribute Airport general and contact information to Neighborhood Associations and Homeowner Associations via Norma McQuiller.
 - **Task Item 2)** Send periodic update of RAAC business items to local papers.
- 6:00 PM Airport Business Management –
- Jonathan Wilson provided a brief review of status of FAA tower funding and tower lease, the Comcast lease, and other lease amendments.
- Airport Operations/Maintenance Highlights
- Discussion on schedule for North Bridge project (June 2 – August 15/in-water work. Additional work will continue out of the water into October or November of 2014.

- Jonathan Wilson provided a brief review of status on operations projects

Airport Capital Project Status Report

- Ben Dahle provided a brief review of status of capital improvement projects

6:43 PM Old Business -

- Doug Jacobson provided a review and status check on Performance Based Navigation, and noted that Renton has been put on the FAA's list of airports for PBN once federal funding is available.
- Marcie noted that every position on the committee is now filled.

6:50 PM New Business -

- Doug Jacobson provided a brief an overview of the Airport Master Planning process, and asked for a volunteer to sit on the consultant selection interview panel. There were 3 volunteers; Diane Paholke, Mark Spiegelman, and Harold (KC) Jones.
- The Airport will host an evening tour and barbecue for committee members to familiarize them with the Airport facilities, operations and projects. A tentative date was set for Tuesday, May 13, beginning at 5:30pm.
- Marcie Palmer suggested inviting the reporter from Renton Reporter that wrote the blast fence article to the RAAC BBQ.

7:00 PM Meeting process check and agenda inputs for next meeting.

- Next meeting dates: June 10, 2014, September 9, 2014

7:02 PM Meeting was adjourned

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Renton Airport Advisory Committee (RAAC)

RAAC Members **Present** (4.22.2014)

Kennydale

Marleen Mandt (P)

Highlands

Harold (KC) Jones (P)

Jeffrey Thomson (A)

Talbot Hill

Matthew Devine (A)

South Renton

Robert Moran (P)

Neil Sheesley (A)

West Hill

Kenneth Williams (P)

Renton Hill/Monterey

North Renton

Lee Chicoine (P)

Airport Leaseholders

Chuck Kegley, Chair (P)

Diane Paholke (P)

Steve Beardslee (A)

Member-At-Large

Kurt Boswell (P)

Mark Spiegelman (P)

Mike Johnson (A)

RAAC Members **Absent** (4.22.2014)

Mark Hancock (A)

Jennifer Ann Rutkowski (P)

Frederick Lund (A)

David Basco (P)

Melody Kroeger (A)

Ben Johnson (A)

Gordon Alvord (A)

Todd Banks (A)

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RAAC Members **Present** (4.22.2014)

RAAC Members **Absent** (4.22.2014)

Boeing

Blake Misenar (P)

Valdis Martinsons (A)

Pilots Association

Robert Dempster (P)

Karen Stemwell (A)

WPA Green River Ch

Al Banholzer (P)

Mercer Island

Mike Cero (P)

City Councilmember

Marcie Palmer (P)

City Staff

Doug Jacobson, Deputy PW Administrator - Transportation

Jonathan Wilson, Assistant Airport Manager

Ben Dahle, Airport Civil Engineer

Susan Campbell-Hehr, Airport Secretary

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Airport Update for RAAC

Airport Business Management

1. Control Tower Closure Update - Ongoing

Staffing

- A. Contract tower staff is funded thru September 30, 2014
- B. FFY2015 budget proposed by the FAA does not fund the contract tower program
- C. Council President Persson spoke with staff of our Washington DC delegation in early March in Washington DC
- D. Airport staff has been in conversations the staff of Representative Adam Smith, and Jesse Uman of Boeing will be contacting Senators Murray and Cantwell staff for a tour of the RNT Control Tower
- E. Ryan will be attending AAAC Contract Tower Program conference in Washington DC on June 23-25, 2014

FAA Lease

- A. Current Tower lease expired January 31, 2014
- B. FAA indicated in a letter dated January 30, 2014 that the agency would not be renewing the lease, indicating the City should provide the tower space at no cost and pay all utilities
- C. Historically the City has paid water and sewer, FAA paid for electricity
- D. FAA has not notified PSE requesting utility account be changed
- E. Ryan sent a letter dated February 24 rejecting the Tower Operating Agreement
 - a. Appears to be inconsistent with language in FAA FFY 2014 Appropriations Bill
 - b. FAA actions in Lynchburg, VA

2. Comcast Lease – In Progress

The Comcast draft agreement is largely completed and will be sent to City Council for approval as soon as the design is completed by Comcast. Comcast staff is designing their conduit runs around the airport to serve airport tenant needs and that work should be completed by the first week of May.

3. Lease Amendments, etc - Completed

The following Airport tenants have had amendments to their leases in the past few months:

Bosair (Ace Aviation) – revised the construction schedule for their new hangar development.

AT&T Lease - Lease Renewal

AirO / WorldWind Helicopters/AeroCopters were evicted on February 28, 2014

4. North Boeing Bridge Construction– Ongoing

Boeing Contractor has finished the piling work on either side of the new (permanent) Boeing north bridge during the January/February time period. The majority of construction work on the new bridge will restart on June 2nd and the runway length will again be impacted all summer. Once the construction schedule for FY 2014 is firmed up, the Airport staff will share it with all airport tenants.

Airport Operations and Maintenance**1. Taxiway Bravo System Rehabilitation – South Portion - In Progress**

What: A \$10.5 million pavement and utility replacement and repair project on Taxiway Bravo.

Why: The pavement on this parallel taxiway has reached the end of its useful life and needs to be strengthened and replaced. Additionally, utility lines in the area will be replaced as necessary and all connecting taxiways will be renamed A1, A2, B1, B2 and so on from their current alpha only designations. The airport will also be installing an emergency generator and LED lighting along Taxiway Bravo.

How: The FAA is providing grant funding to help complete the project. Grant funding will cover 90 percent of design and construction cost with the remaining 10 percent covered by Airport generated revenue.

Status: Major construction is now complete. Only the thermoplastic taxiway markings are left to be completed. This work requires warm and dry weather. This work will likely be completed later this spring.

2. Non-Directional Beacon - In Progress

What: The Non-Directional Beacon (NDB) is the only land-based navigation system on the Airport that allows pilots to make approaches to Runway 16 in Instrument Meteorological Conditions (IMC). The beacon has been inoperative since the spring of 2013.

Why: The NDB equipment has reached the end of its useful life. During inclement weather the antenna sometimes stops working. Also, there is a signal tuning unit that has stopped working. The City of Renton's signal shop has stated that they are unwilling to continue making repairs to equipment and that all of the components need to be replaced.

- How:** The Airport was unsuccessful locating a suitable used unit. The new plan is to replace the shed and replace only the signal tuning unit and the antenna. This should get the NDB back up and running. All funding for this project will come from airport generated revenue.
- Status:** The NDB shed has been replaced. New electronics have arrived and are ready for installation. Once the equipment is installed the FAA will certify the unit and flight test it for safety. After that is complete the NDB will be reactivated. Reactivation should be completed by July of this year.

3. Wildlife Hazard Assessment - In Progress

- What:** An FAA grant funded project to complete a Wildlife Hazard Assessment (WHA) at the Airport. WHAs are completed to help airports formulate Wildlife Hazard Management Plans. These plans help airports mitigate and reduce the effects of wildlife on airport operations.
- Why:** Ever since the bird strikes that brought down the US Airways flight into the Hudson River, the FAA has placed new emphasis on Airports completing Wildlife Hazard Assessments. Historically, these were only done for Part 139 certificated airports, but recently federal funding has been made available for certain non-certificated airports to participate.
- How:** Federal grant funding of up to \$150,000 (90%) and airport revenue up to \$16,667 (10%).
- Status:** WH Pacific is continuing to conduct surveys for the Wildlife Hazard Assessment. Field visits will continue over the next year to assess wildlife presence on the Airport.

4. New Airport Badge Standards - In Progress

- What:** A new ID badge program for tenants and contractors who need to access the Airside of the Airport.
- Why:** The Airport currently has a badging system for tenants and contractors. Badges do not have any identifying information on them. When someone is stopped by Airport Operations, they might have a badge on them, but it is unknown whether it's their badge and where on the Airport the driver should be.
- How:** The Airport has budgeted money to purchase a new ID badge system from HID. New badges will have a photo, name, airport business (if applicable), airplane information (if applicable), and expiration date. All badges will be valid for one year instead of the current standard of up to five years (expires when the drivers license expires).

Status: HID has submitted a refreshed proposal. The new proposal appears complete and will be ordered shortly.

5. 800 Building Remodel – In Progress

What: Major maintenance of the building at 800 W Perimeter Road (800 Building) for future tenant occupancy.

Why: The 800 Building is airport owned and operated. Soon the building will be leased to a new tenant but, before that can occur, major maintenance must be performed. Upgrades include fixing numerous roof leaks, demolition of unnecessary roof structures, selected demolition of some interior spaces and ducting, and installation of work bay heating.

How: Airport generated revenue will cover the cost of repairs

Status: Airport staff are working with Forma Construction, the City's Job Order Contractor (JOC), to secure bids for construction.

6. Tower Second Floor Remodel – In Progress

What: Remodel of the second floor of the Control Tower

Why: The second floor will be remodeled to become the Airport's primary meeting room space.

How: Airport generated revenue will cover the cost of the remodel

Status: Airport staff are working with Forma Construction, the City's Job Order Contractor (JOC), to secure bids for construction.

7. 608 Building Door Replacement and 622 Hangar Door Opener – In Progress

What: Replacing the 70' hangar doors on the building at 608 W Perimeter Road (608 Building). Installing an electric door opener on the building at 622 W Perimeter Rd (622 Building).

Why: The doors on the 608 Building have reached the end of their useful life and are ready for replacement. Door hinges have been intermittently failing and door sections sometime drag along the ground when opening and closing. On the 622 Building an electric door opener will be installed on the west facing hangar doors. The opener will help the tenant open the big, heavy hangar doors easier and faster than doing it manually.

How: Airport generated revenue will cover the cost of the remodel

Status: Airport staff are working with Forma Construction, the City's Job Order Contractor (JOC), to complete this work. The proposal for work has been vetted and approved and is awaiting signature at the Mayor's office. Work can commence once the work order has been signed.

Airport Capital Program

1. Renton Aerospace Training Center – In Progress

What: The Airport will be managing the construction of a new facility called the Central Sound Aerospace Training Center located on the same site as the old Chamber of Commerce building.

Why: The project is to build a facility and provide equipment to help train critically needed aerospace workers in Washington. At this time, there are significant workforce training gaps for Boeing and aerospace suppliers throughout the state. This facility will be a resource to help meet the immediate need for trained workers in the aerospace industry and be a long-term aviation-related asset for the community.

How: The State legislature provided a \$2.5 million grant in 2012 and an additional \$9.5 million grant in 2013 to build this facility in concert with industry and potential tenant partners. SRG Partnership Inc. will design the project. The design is pending concurrence from the Aerospace Futures Alliance of Washington (AFA) appointed committee.

Status: Project is pending concurrence from the AFA appointed committee as they finalize a business and operations plan.

2. Seaplane Maintenance Dredging –Dredging Complete, Shoreline Enhancement – In Progress

What: The Airport will be maintenance dredging the Seaplane Base.

Why: The purpose of the project is to restore the lake bottom around the seaplane base to pre-flooding events in 2007 and 2009 so seaplane traffic can operate unhindered by buildup of sediment.

How: The Airport and FEMA are funding the project.

Status: Construction is complete. Design and permitting will begin this year for shoreline enhancement required WDFW.

3. Cedar River Hangar Building Electrical Upgrades– Building Electrical Upgrades - In Progress

What: The Airport will update the electrical system in the hangars over the next four years.

Why: The electrical system in the Cedar River Hangars is outdated and insufficient for tenant needs.

How: The airport will fund the electrical upgrades. URS prepared construction plans for the project. The design for electrical project is complete and the permit is ready to be picked up.

Status: The electrical project is on hold while other larger capital projects are being completed. Construction of the electrical project should begin in the fourth quarter of 2014.

4. 820 Building Demolition– In Progress

What: The 820 building located on the west side of the airport, north of the Control Tower, will be removed to make way for future beneficial use.

Why: The building has exceeded its useful life and is expensive to maintain and not suitable for tenant use.

How: The airport will fund the project.

Status: The construction contract has been awarded to 3 Kings Environmental. SEPA process is underway. CM services are being procured. Construction should begin in March 2014.

5. Blast Fence Replacement– In Progress

What: The blast fence on the south end of the runway will be removed and replaced with a new blast fence to meet FAA Part 77 standards. The project includes aesthetic treatments to the Airport way side of the blast fence along with new landscaping.

Why: The existing blast fence has exceeded its useful life and is an obstruction to airspace per the Airport Layout Plan (ALP)

How: This is an FAA grant project with the airport contributing 10% of the project cost.

Status: The blast fence at the end of the runway will be replaced with a shorter structure to improve safety for landing and departing traffic. The 95% design is under review at the FAA. The contractor procurement process should begin in April with construction in the second quarter of 2014.